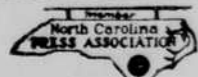


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The Turks, we hear, think that, by comparison with what other nations get, U. S. assistance is "stingy." This is what we call nerve.

In the Interest of the U. S.

War-time lend-lease shipments to thirty-eight Allies cost the United States \$50,205,229,788 in the seven-year period from March 11, 1941.

The figures are from a report made by the President to Congress, which discloses that aircraft and aeronautical supplies constituted the most expensive item and that the next category covered vessels and other watercraft.

While this is a tremendous sum of money, it would be a mistake for the people of the United States to accept the theory that it represented a gift to other fighting nations. Mainly, the assistance was in the national interest of the United States and is to be justified solely on the basis of our self-interest.

One should not overlook that the justification for the European Recovery Program is not humanitarian, or representative of an idealistic attempt to help mankind. It represents cold-blooded calculation as to the interests of the United States. These require that, if possible, the Western nations of Europe stand self-supporting from an economic standpoint and strong enough to defend their territory from aggression. These goals, if achieved, mean much to the security and safety of the United States.

Little Nations Seek Security

The three Scandinavian countries, facing the possibility of Russian aggression, find themselves in a delicate position and, while they desperately seek security, they are very anxious not to risk offending the Russians.

Sweden, which remained neutral in the last two World Wars, has abandoned its 135-year-old tradition of neutrality by offering to sign a defense pact with Norway and Denmark.

The Scandinavians would also like to "coordinate" the production of weapons, the training of armed forces and the making of defense plans. They would like to standardize arms with the United States and to secure raw materials from this country with which to increase the output of arms.

It is also apparent that, while the Scandinavian countries are wary of signing a security pact, they expect the Western nations to come to their assistance if Scandinavia becomes a battleground.

Medical-Care Insurance?

The American Medical Association, spurred by the accusation of 136 members that it had failed to develop a program for improved medical care, has come forward with a twelve-point program which is generally believed to be an effort to head off the President's universal medical-care insurance plan.

The Association, said to represent 150,000 physicians, recently levied an assessment of \$25 against each member to finance its campaign against the compulsory proposals by receiving attention in Congressional circles. We will not attempt to discuss the program offered by the Medical Association until a complete copy is available for study. It should be apparent, however, that if the Association has a fund of more than \$2,000,000 to finance its fight against medical care insurance, the public will be advised as to its position.

It has been somewhat surprising that some doctors throughout the nation fail to make a difference between the economic problem related to medical care and the medical problems relating to the treatment of patients. Certainly, if the government confines its efforts largely to a program of insurance to meet the economic disaster that disease inflicts upon individuals and leaves the treatment of patients to doctors, the medical profession has nothing to fear except the possibility that a greater number of patients will be able to pay for their medical treatment.

Of course, it would be unwise to pass final judgment upon the proposal of the Medical Association or that of President Truman or Senator Taft, until these programs are outlined in complete detail. It may develop that there is some possibility of "socialized medicine" which might produce some mediocrity in the skill available to serve the sick and there likewise exists the possibility that, however well-planned such an insurance program may be, it may turn into a bureaucracy to encroach upon the field of physicians in the treatment of the patients.



1. Who were the "men with pitchforks" in England?
2. Can you identify: Willie Hoppe?
3. Who is known as the "Father of the United Nations?"
4. Why are students of Annapolis called "midshipmen?"
5. Who was Premiere of France at the time of her defeat by Germany?
6. One person out of ten suffers from coryza. What is it?
7. What is a "pork barrel" bill?
8. Which is the Pelican State?
9. Do typhoons always spin in the same direction?
10. What President was born West of the Mississippi River?

A Few SMILES

The crystal gazer was addressing one of her clients: "You will be poor and unhappy until you are forty."
Client: "And after that?"
Crystal Gazer: "You'll get used to it."

"Is there hot water in your house?" asked one small boy of another.
"There is," replied the other, "and I'm always in it."

A stout school teacher was talking about birds and their habits. "Now," she said "at home I have a canary, and it can do something I cannot do. I wonder if any of you know just what that thing is."
Little Johnny raised his hand: "I know, teacher," he said, "take a bath in a saucer."

An efficiency expert went in to see the manager about his vacation. He came out with a hand-dog expression on his face. Asked what was wrong, he replied: "I only get one week. The boss says I'm so efficient I can have as much fun in one week as other people have in two."

Question: "What did the lightning bug say when he lost his tail?"
Answer: "I'm delighted—no end."

A woman wrote to a daily paper from a very lonely rural spot as follows: "My sister and I aren't exactly lonely out here. We have each other to speak to, but we need another woman to talk about."

In a country newspaper appeared the following advertisement: "The man who picked up my wallet on Main Street was recognized. He is requested to return it."
In the next issue the reply was published: "The recognized man who picked up the wallet requests the loser to call and get it."

The ANSWERS

1. The Home Guard of 2,000,000 civilians.
2. Veteran billiard player.
3. Cordell Hull, former Secretary of State.
4. In former years, Navy seamen, studying to be officers, were stationed amidship.
5. Paul Reynaud.
6. The common cold.
7. A bill including appropriations to enlist the support of proponents of special projects.
8. Louisiana.
9. No; they spin clockwise south of the equator, and counter-clockwise north of it.
10. Herbert Hoover, born in Iowa.

The LETTER-BOX

MINIMUM WAGE LAW

We, the members of organized labor, find it hard to comprehend the attitude of the Plymouth Merchants Association. Those who have enjoyed the fruits of labor in the volume of trade, that has been brought to them by labor, are now stabbing their own employees in the back by demanding their legislators to fight the minimum wage scale as approved by the administration.

We all know business has prospered in the past few years. Therefore, labor knows that the few dollars saved by members of the association who are fighting the minimum wage scale will not affect their standing in the community, their gross incomes, or their pocketbooks.

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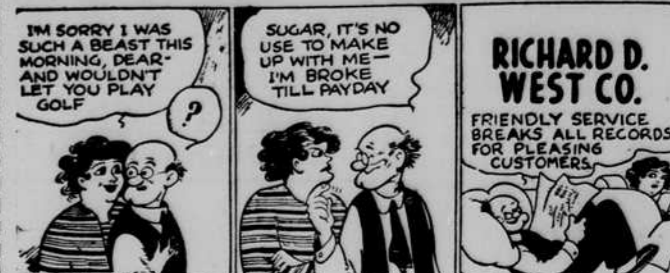
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